

# The Trestle Board

## Oriental Lodge 20 F&AM

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### Master's Message

Brethren,

2017 is setting in the West, and so is my status as Master of Worshipful Master of Oriental 20. Hanging up my top hat is bitter in that I really enjoy being Master of the lodge, running the meetings, and most of all, conferring degrees. However, it is sweet in that I will be freed up to work on other projects at Oriental Lodge. My biggest lamentation of 2017 is that I did not get to confer many degrees. In truth the last degree I conferred was in April; Oriental's recent candidate drought has been quite harsh. However, our newly established Friend to Friend program is already yielding fruit in the form of fresh new potential candidates. At our last stated meeting we had 7 interested candidates show up to learn more about masonry, and at our next stated meeting we will ballot on our first candidate to discover the lodge through our friend to friend program. My goal for the years ahead is to continue to work directly with the friend to friend program to insure that we won't have any more of these nasty candidate dry spells. I am working with the trustees to institute a proficiency program that will require service at the lodge as a condition for advancement through the degrees, so the influx of new members will also return dividends to lodge improvement and maintenance. And finally, I am planning to undertake a library improvement project for the lodge in the near future. So, don't worry about me my brethren, as a Worshipful has-been I will stay busy and actively laboring for Oriental lodge. A wise brother told me recently that Past Masters should be "seen and not heard". (Hopefully he tells all the Past Masters that and not just me). After arriving at lodge, a Past Master should say only: "Please don't hesitate to let me know if there's anything I can do", and then plop down in the North and enjoy the show. If you need me brothers, you will find me in the North, enjoying the darkness!

There are too many simply too people for me to possibly hope to thank everyone, but I shall endeavor to do my best. Thank you to all the officers, particularly Luke for all the work you put in and all the projects you managed so well in 2017. Frank, you are an amazing secretary and a true asset to the lodge. I shall miss your harassment. Worshipful Bro. Dad thank you for doing such a great job covering the food this year, a duty I am sure you will miss. Matt A, Jason, Justin, and Don, you are an impressive crop of young officers and I very much look forward to watching you continue to develop and eventually run Oriental lodge. DJ, thanks for sitting with me in the East and for your service as a trustee. And of course for all the breath mints you always had on hand. Jimmy Xie, thanks for your guidance and friendship and for serving as DDGM to our great lodge. WB George, thank you for your service as treasurer and all that you continue to do at Oriental (and thank you also for serving as a voice of reason in our trustee's meetings).

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## December 2017



**Master**

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### Board of Trustees

**Meets the last Monday of the month at 6:30**

**Term Expires 2017**

David Jones

Don Locke

**Term Expires 2018**

Ben Chambers, PM

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**Term Expires 2019**

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Tim Lindquist

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Ragav and Mike C thank you for your labors on our awesome website. You guys did fantastic work and we are all grateful. And finally, and most sincerely, I would like to thank the figurehead and mascot of Oriental 20, Most Worshipful James H. May. MW Jim, you are a true blessing to our lodge. When I first appeared at the lodge back in 2011 it was quickly impressed upon me that, should I ever have any questions whatsoever, about ANYTHING, just ask Jim May. Since then I have used the "Phone a Past Grand Master" lifeline often, and you have always been there with sagely advice every time I have asked. A Past Master recently suggested that we should change the name of Oriental 20 to Jim May 20, and frankly brethren I think we should give it some thought.

Fraternally,

Nick Lindquist, Master

Greetings from the West,



2017 has come and gone. May great times, many challenges. As I prepare to travel to the East to govern the Lodge in 2018, I want to give thanks to all who have made my journey possible. My wife Naomi (and the kids) for allowing me to make time while serving the Lodge and not judge me while I whisper ritual to myself. To Br Nick who continues to be mentor on a daily basis. Br Tim who inspires me with his amazing ritual skills. Br Cosmo who invited me visit Oriental and who invited me to serve as Senior Deacon at Prometheus Lodge. To Br Jim May who continues to be our rock with ritual, lodge business, and the Grand Lodge. Br James, Br Geoff, Br Jim, and Br Popo who kept me focused as District Deputy Grand Masters with my ritual proficiencies. To Br George who was my first tour guide of the Lodge and a pedestal officer during my first three years at Lodge to look up to. To Br Ben & Br Suresh for trusting in me the care of the lodge as a young officer of the Lodge. To Br DJ, Br John, and Br Joes for prompting me as Chaplains. To Br Bob for making every brother in this lodge look good, including me, for your inspirational work with the Blood Drive, feeding the hungry, and more. To Br Roy & Br Frank, allowing the lodge to enslave you as secretary and run the administrative side of the Lodge. To every officer and ritualist, I have served with, thank you very much for being a big part of my life and helping me progress through the line. To the dedicated sideliners, you have done everything we have asked; volunteering for big and small including ritual, coming consistently to lodge, being the voice of reason when an officer or committee members loses touch with reality, and much more. And lastly to the surrounding lodges who continue to visit and allow us to visit and collaborate with.

Best wishes in 2018,  
Luke Evans  
Master Elect

Greetings from the South;



Its nearly December, and we all know what that means. Actually, as I write this, it's the middle of November, and I've already seen Christmas decorations in my neighborhood. I think that's a good thing, although clearly stretching the season. This extended season must be enabled by artificial trees is the only thing I can figure. I hope you will be spending time over the holidays with loved-ones. It's a great time of the year to renew friendships with those who are important in our lives, but we don't see on a daily basis. I also hope you will attend Lodge on the first Tuesday of December, and then come to our Officer's Installation on the following Saturday December 9th at 10am. After that, we will be dark until the beginning of January. Enjoy and celebrate the holidays according to your beliefs.

In search of information on the internet I end up with some pretty strange, and sometimes interesting Google search results. I was looking for a copy of the Old Charges of British Freemasons by Hughan and found a pdf version. Interesting reading for sure. But at the same time, I encountered "A Poem of Moral Duties" the Regius Manuscript. The poem is written in Old English and to me unreadable, but luckily for me the same search found a version re-written by Halliwell in an English I can understand. As interesting as its content, the original poem is estimated to have been written in 1390. It is considered by some to be the oldest Masonic document in existence. Hmm, my Masonic education continues. It starts with: "Here begin the constitutions of the art of Geometry according to Euclid. To ordain for these children's sake, how they might best lead their life, ... That they might get their living thereby, Both well and honestly full securely. In that time, through good geometry, This honest craft of good masonry." It contains fifteen articles and fifteen points all in rhyme, and many of which are applicable today. But, the content is not the subject of this note. Instead, consider that phrase, "the art of Geometry according to Euclid," as the introduction to a poem about moral and ethical values. Now, as far as I know, Euclid in his lifetime did not write about the moral or ethical aspects of living, but instead dedicated his life to the mathematics behind erecting buildings. The Elements of Euclid being his most referenced work. It includes among other propositions, many of which are applicable to architecture and construction, the 47th problem of Euclid (a squared plus b squared equals c squared) -- The Pythagorean Theorem.

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Yes Tim, see the light. This poem contains the propositions considered to be the basis for constructing good moral lives -- a person's temple, if you will. And therefore, is considered to be the Euclidean Geometry for a different type of architecture, building, and construction. We have over the years refined it, and we now call it Freemasonry.

Fraternally,  
Tim Lindquist  
Senior Warden Elect

**Appendant Bodies List**



**MESA STARLIGHT NO. 16**

*Order of the Eastern Star*

**Meets 1st - 3rd Monday at 7:30pm**

Julann Johnson (480) 202-7919      Worthy Matron  
Henry Dessenberg (602) 402-5100      Worthy Patron  
Renee Hurd (480) 861-8081      Secretary



**BAA HANII COURT NO. 9**

*Order of Amaranth*

**Meets 2nd - 4th Friday at 7:30pm**

Michele Rusk (480) 464-8724      Royal Matron  
George Rusk (480) 646-2520      Royal Patron  
Shirley Davis (480) 831-1698      Secretary



**MESA ASSEMBLY NO. 9**

*International Order of Rainbow for Girls*

**Meets 2nd - 4th Monday at 7:00pm**

Lucy Hanne      Worthy Advisor  
Rose Hanne (602) 430-7911      Mother Advisor  
Brian Hanne      Rainbow Dad  
Don Wilson (480) 962-9001      Board Chairman



**BETHEL NO. 13**

*Job's Daughters International*

**Meets 1st & 3rd Fridays at 7:00 pm**

Christine Hudson      Honored Queen  
Jennifer De Korte (210) 260-1704      Bethel Guardian  
Richard Warren (480) 370-4100      Assoc. Bethel Guardian



**VALLEY OF THE STARS NO. 62**

*Order of Eastern Star*

**Meets 2nd Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.**

Martha Filip (480) 854-3174      Worthy Matron  
Dan Hinkson (480) 463-3482      Worthy Patron  
Mildred Evans (480) 982-6681      Secretary



**EAST VALLEY LODGE OF PERFECTION  
AUX**

**Meets 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm**

Steven Burgess (480) 357-3579      Venerable Master  
Walt Taylor (480) 890-0910      Scribe

**YORK RITE BODIES**

**Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7:30 pm**

**Member's Birthday**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Donald W Locke	12/02
Alen Dranikov	12/03
Jack M Garrett, PM	12/03
Ernest L Patterson, PM	12/04
Thomas H Rhodes	12/04
Ray T Samson, III, PM	12/05
Manuel Campana	12/06
Joe A Scarborough, Jr.	12/08
Duane V Camp	12/09
Douglas J Lucas	12/10
Michael L Flynn	12/10
Lance A McGraw	12/13
Thomas P Lewis, PM	12/17
Charles E Daugherty, II	12/19
Don E Stanton, PM	12/19
Edward L Roberts, PM	12/20
Cristian C Dumitrescu	12/23

**Member's Anniversary**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Raised</u>
Joseph C Leston	12/03/1987
Gordon Stevenson, JS	12/12/2000
Jack M Garrett, PM	12/21/1970
Harold S Knight	12/29/1959
Dennis E Haworth	12/29/2001

*Trestle Board articles need to be in  
by the 15th of the month!!*



# Public Schools Night November 14



**Essay Contest Winners**



**Teacher Award Winners**

The officers and members of Oriental Lodge wish to congratulate all the winners and thank all the participants for making this a fanatic evening.

# December 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥ <b>Food Donations</b> ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥ The lodge has a food donation box just inside the dining room door. When you come to lodge please bring a nonperishable food item to put in the box.					1 Bethel 13 JDI Meeting @ 7 p.m.	2 Christmas trees decoration
3 Bethel 13: All Day	4 Mesa Starlight 16 Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.	5 Camelback Lodge #75 Breakfast @ 9 Meeting @ 10 a.m. Oriental Lodge #20 Dinner @6p.m. Meeting @ 7 p.m.	6 Apache Lodge # 69 Trustee Mtg. @ 7 p.m. Bethel 13 Council Mtg.	7 Apache Lodge # 69 Meeting @ 7 p.m.	8 Baa Hanii Court # 9 Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.	9 <b>Oriental 20 Installation of Officers 10:00 a.m.</b>
10	11 Rainbow Assembly 9 Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	12 No Meeting  <b>Happy Hanukkah</b>	13 Valley of the Stars #62 Meeting @ 1 p.m. York Rite Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. Rainbow Board Meeting. 7 p.m.	14 Apache Lodge # 69 Stated Meeting @ 7 p.m. Dinner @ 6p.m.	15 Bethel 13 JDI Meeting @ 7p.m. Sleep over	16 Bethel 13 Sleep over
17	18 Mesa Starlight 16 Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.	19 No Meeting, Happy New Year	20 Scottish Rite Meeting @ 7 p.m. Dinner @ 6 p.m.	21 Apache Lodge # 69 Meeting @ 7 p.m.	22 Baa Hanii Court # 9 Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.	23
24	25 <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>	26 No Meeting, Happy New Year	27	28 Apache Lodge # 69 Meeting @ 7 p.m.	29 Bethel #13 Supreme Visit	30 LODGE WORK DAY 8:00 a.m.
31	<b>Coming Events</b> January 2—Oriental Lodge, Stated Meeting & Dinner. Dinner @ 6:00 p.m., Meeting @ 7. January 13—Rainbow Assembly 9, Installation of Officers, 3:00 p.m.. January 20—Job's Daughters Bethel 13, Installation of Officers. January 27—OES 16, Pancake Breakfast 8:00a.m.—1:00 p.m.					